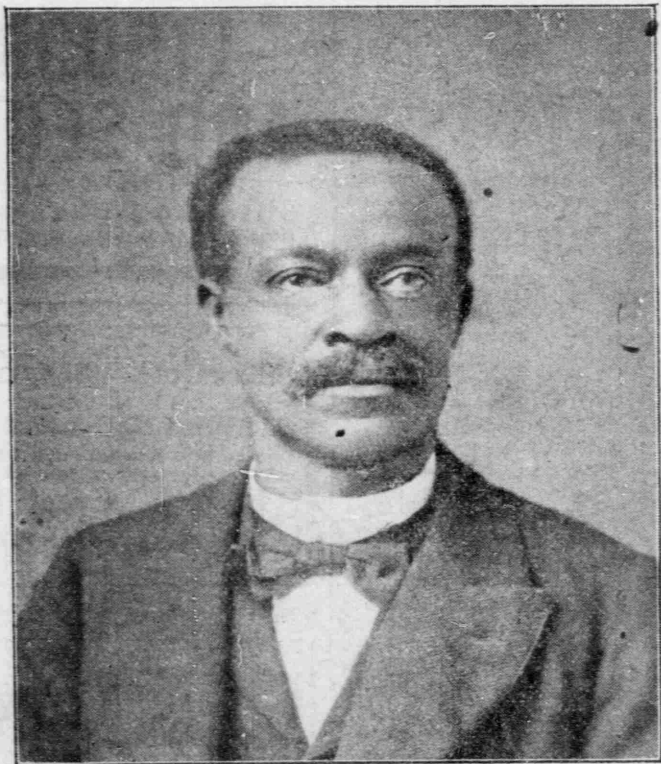




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Rev. M. F. A. Easton, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, Washington, Pennsylvania says:

Rev. Geo. Fraser Miller, a scholarly Negro divine of Brooklyn, N. Y., has appealed to Dr. Parkhurst for an opportunity to answer the scurrilous attacks of Rev. Wm. H. Mitchell from the pulpit of Dr. Parkhurst's church. This is eminently proper, as Rev. Mr. Miller is a native of South Carolina. Dr. Parkhurst's response has not been made public.

"Many of our churches are nothing more than scalpers' ticket offices where cut rate tickets are sold to heaven, with stop-over privileges. And how many thousands stop off at parlor gamblersville, Beer city, No Harm Dance Town, Secret Lodgeville, Club city, and Theatre Valley. Those who remain on board are thrown off on account of the worthlessness of their tickets."

Walden University, a vigorous educational institution for the race, will have its annual graduation exercises on Monday March 2nd next, at Nashville, Tenn. Its medical school has been in existence twenty-seven years; its dental college seventeen years and its college of pharmacy fourteen years.

Mr. Julius S. Mitchell and Mr. William J. Whipper, both of South Carolina, were admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court on the 24th ultimo on motion of Justice E. W. Hewlett. Judge Whipper will be remembered for the brilliant part he played in the reconstruction period.

One of the most enjoyable social events of the last week was a dance, last Friday night, at 903 9th street, northeast, given by Miss Marion T. Scott, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Scott. Mrs. Scott being sick, her friend Mrs. Paul Bray chaperoned the young people.

TWO FLORIDA LEADERS

MARSHALL M'GOURIN AND
EDITOR M. M. LEWEY.

Lily Whiteism and Party Friction at an End in the Land of Flowers—President Roosevelt's Statesmanship Florida Appointments Give Satisfaction.

It has often been said that no condition is so bad that it might not be worse, and so while we have been surveying the spread of the contagion of "Lily Whiteism" in the South and the sequential perplexities of the Administration in dealing with this illogical excrecence upon the anatomy of the Republican party and deploring its growth, we find some comfort in observing that the virus to which it owes its presence has not yet been injected into the body of the party in the State of Florida. While war's alarms affright the faithful in some parts of the South, in the beautiful land of flowers, the very home of the fragrant orange blossom, all is peaceful—all is serene—no leader and no member of the party has the temerity to suggest such a movement and were he to do so, undoubtedly the shades of political obscurity would be his instant portion. It must not be supposed, however, that this gratifying condition is due to the fact that the party or any segment of it is asleep or that its constituent elements are not each of them keenly appreciative of the passing political events and of their bearing, (direct or relative,) upon its life and well being.

A notable evidence of this fact is of recent occurrence, and shows not only the party's virility but also the vigilance with which it exacts the highest standards from its leaders and the splendid discipline with which it makes a political fight within party lines without disrupting or making more than passing ripple upon its surface. Not long since the term of office of Hon. Thomas F. McGourin, as U. S. Marshall of the Northern district of Florida, expired. The leaders promptly indorsed him for re-appointment, but for some occult reasons subsequently withdrew their endorsement and recommended Captain W. H. Northrup for the place. Just before the Christmas recess of Congress, the President in harmony with the supposed wishes of the party in Florida, nominated Captain Northrup for the position, but influential forces in the party said nay and in forty-eight hours after the nomination, his name was withdrawn.—These protesting gentlemen are all good Republicans, steadfast in the faith. They decline to desert Mr. McGourin and insisted that the original indorsement of him should be adhered to. At this point there began the most earnest and bitter contest ever known in Republican politics in Florida. Prompt and judicious organization of the forces favorable to the incumbent resulted in the appearance in Washington, immediately after the re-assembling of Congress, of a formidable and as proven an invincible delegation of representative Floridians in Mr. McGourin's interest.

One of the most influential factors among them and one to whom the others gracefully and unanimously yielded the leadership, was Mr. M. M. Lewey, of Pensacola, Florida, who was the only colored member of the delegation. By his charming manners and high cultivation, he obtained ready access to the President and had a most cordial conference with the Chief Executive, which not only developed the President's acute sympathy with the object of Mr. Lewey's visit, but extended to a wide survey of the whole political situation in Florida. The immediate result was the prompt nomination of Mr. McGourin to succeed himself.

While the confirmation of McGourin did not occur till last Thursday, 26th ultimo, a little over one month following his nomination, shows conclusively that every foot of ground has been hotly contested, and the victory is much more to be admired because of the hard-fought battle from start to finish.

It should, however, be stated, that

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CATARRH THIRTY YEARS.

The Remarkable Experience of a Prominent Statesman—Congressman Meekison Gives Pe-ru-na a High Endorsement.



Congressman Meekison of Ohio.

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